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7. Catherine Harper (3) born 1780, married Conrad Rexrode.

8. Mary Harper (3) married Henry Swadlet.

9. Leonard Harper (3) born Nov. 6, 1797, married Phoebe Dice.

10. George Harper (3) 1799-1868. Married Margaret Wimer in 1820.

11. Sarah Harper (3) married Henry Beyer.

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1. Elizabeth Harper (4) married James R. Poage.

2. Anna Harper (4) married Washington Moore.

3. Sally Harper (4) married James Malcomb. Moved to Nicholas Co.

4. Susan Harper (4) married John McGarty of Hillsboro.

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Second husband: David Barnside.
2. Mary Moore (5) married John Varner & lived at Big Spring of Elk.
3. Ella Moore (5) married Benjamin Varner and moved to Iowa.
4. Newton Moore (5)
5. Emma Moore (5)
6. John Andrew Moore (5)
7. Price Moore (5)
8. Annie Moore (5) married James Lowry of Huntersville. (no children)

Gusan Harper (4) married John McCarty.

1. Ella McCarty (5)
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6. William Lightner Harper (5) married Emma Hamilton, daughter of George Hamilton near Sunset.

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2. Virginia (5) died of diphtheria at age 5.

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2. Edsonia Gun (6) married ~~Henry~~ Sterting. (Daughter: Annabelle).

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2. Harry Wilson Harper (6) married Mary Auldridge.
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3. Steven Riffe Crane (9) - Foster son.

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The young settlers from Pendleton Co. found a few acres of cleared land. The thickets of thorn and crab apple and wild plum were almost impenetrable. The sheep, pigs, and calves had to be penned by the house to protect them from wolves and bears. By patient and persistent effort land was cleared and a home reared.

At his suggestion, William Civey, of Anthony's Creek, sank a ten yard. Then Mr. Harper established a blacksmith shop and built the first tilt hammer in this region. This shop was carried on under his own personal supervision. Ralph Wanless, George Haverer of Pendleton Co. and the late Anthony Lightner of Suage, and others, learned the trade with him, and were all good blacksmiths. Mr. Harper also reared a flouring mill, which was operated by himself and son Samuel, chiefly. Father and son were smiths and millers and alternated in their work. William Gibson, of Huntersville, and Henry Harper were the contractors that built the Warm Springs and Huntersville turnpike sixty-five years ago. Captain William Cochran, of Stony Creek, was their principal foreman and manager in construction. In the meantime, the farm was duly attended to and much land bought and a splendid estate became his.

He had a passion for hunting, which he indulged in merely for recreation.

He died in 1859, aged 70 years. Mrs. Harper followed her husband in 1876, aged 86 years.

In personal appearance Mr. Harper was of medium stature, somewhat stooped in the shoulders. His voice was soft and flute like in tone, very quiet and retiring in his manners and leisurely in his movements, and yet his establishment was a busy hive of industry, and all moved on like clockwork.

His family consisted of five sons and four daughters; Elizabeth, Sally, Anna, and Susan. The sons were Jacob, William, Samuel, Henry and Nicholas who died at fourteen.

Jacob Harper married Lydia Civey, daughter of George Civey of Anthony's Creek, and settled on Meadow Creek, Greenbrier Co., and finally moved to Monroe Co.

William Harper married Elizabeth Civey, sister of Jacob's wife and settled on the farm now held by William L. Harper, near Sunset. His last years were passed on Greenbrier River at the Friel place, where his son William now resides.

Samuel Harper married Melinda Moore, and lives on the old homestead, where he yet resides in the 87th year of his life. Their daughter

Elizabeth Luana is the widowed wife of Rev. James E. Moore. Sarah Ann

married Washington Harold, near Frost. Matilda married Frances Dever.

Their son, Preston Harper, married Lucretia Guss, daughter of Henry Guss, near Frost. Frank Wilson Harper married Anna Guss, sister of Mrs. Preston

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who died in early manhood. Rachel Ann married William Harold of

Monroe Co. Henry Harper, Jr., died of an accidental wound, inflicted

while repairing a gate. Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the pioneer, married the late James R. near Mary, where they both recently died. She was an invalid

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Occurrence of the name Larry—from 1777 to 1877—

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4. Lantry Rader (7-?)
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5. Hamilton Burton Hickman (1857-1926)	2
6. John M. Hickman (1881-1942)	2
6. Russell Murray Hickman (1895-1954)	2
4. Huldah Shillens Hickman (1806-1888)	5 and 1 from her husband
5. Maria Ann Callison (-1933)	1
6. Mahle Edith Bond (1889-1967)	3 written for her by Anna M. McGinnis
4. William F. Hickman (1818-1864)	78
4. Andrew Johnson Hickman (1811-1880)	9
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5. Lurry William Hickman (1838-1906)	1
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Just wishes and keep the good stuff coming this way

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Hickman Family History Newsletter

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 6. Helen Brady (19VI/1922) married c.1928 to George Gamble (c.1910-)
 7. Devereux Brady (19IX-?-1981?) married 10XII/1942 to Cla L. Anson (c.21III/1911-20XII/1981)
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5. William Robert Hickman (1844-?)

5. Mary Virginia Hickman (1842-ca.1866) —died at 18—

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The Mt. Clemens field was closed shortly thereafter and Dad was sent to Gersner Field in Lake Charles, Louisiana, where in February 1918 he received an honorable discharge from the United States Army "by reason of acceptance of a commission as Second Lieutenant, Signal Corps, Air Service."

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"At first we had our evenings free, but now we have a class in wireless telegraphy each evening after supper, and I understand they are going to start a class in French. We only fly of mornings so far, and have engine, shop and repair work and machine gun range of afternoons.

"I am just beginning to realize some result of my efforts in flying class. A beginner, learning to fly, sure has some ups and downs in more ways than one. Many is the time my instructor has taken the occasion to tell me how rotten I was, and then day before yesterday he turns me loose to go up alone — the first one in his class. I did well enough to please him, and yesterday I was up alone again and made five nice landings. I begin to get the feel of handling the machine now and it is a great satisfaction to go up alone, and feel you are capable of driving the ship."

The Mt. Clemens field was closed shortly thereafter and Dad was sent to Gerstner Field in Lake Charles, Louisiana, where in February 1918 he received an honorable discharge from the United States Army "by reason of acceptance of a commission as Second Lieutenant, Signal Corps, Air Service."

After about six months in Louisiana he was transferred to Scott Field in Belleville, Illinois as an instructor. One week and the publisher of The Abingdon Kidak, his hometown newspaper, had been in St. Louis with another Abingdon businessman and had made a trip to nearby Scott Field to see Dad. Here they met the commandant of the field. He was congenial, affable and proud of Dad and his friend, Sam Yarborough. He said that Dad was the safest pilot and best instructor at the post and that Yarborough was the best stunt man. It also developed that the commandant was formerly a country newspaper publisher, so he was asked by Dad and Sam Yarborough make a trip to Abingdon in an army plane. Dad had to make a formal request of the Officer in Charge of flying.

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Commonwealth of Virginia (Back Creek) 1905-1920

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Three generations of descendants of James Elliot Hickman and Elizabeth E. Hamilton, about 1905

At center right we have William Hickman (1814-1908) & Mary Ann Mabry (1838-1915), both born on Back Cr. Standing second from left is their son Larry Stuart Hickman (1872-1955) and next to him is brother Edward Grant Hickman (1874-1940). Seated at the far right is their sister Ella Susan Hickman (1877-1912), and behind her is her husband Fred O. Hunt (1877-1963), wife of Edward G. Hickman. She is holding their first child, Larkspur Hickman (1907). The child standing at the far left is Cary Herbert Hickman (1903-?) son of Larry Stuart and Clara Hunt. The women standing at far left is Helen Rydell and her daughter is standing between Larry and Ed. The other three women standing behind James are unidentified.

Can anyone fill in the dates for births and deaths where I have the ??

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In June I made another "collecting trip" to Virginia and West Virginia — collecting cousins, ancestors, old documents and old photos for the three volume history of the Hickmans of Back Creek. On June 16 my brother and his wife (from Dallas, Texas) met me in Morgantown, W. Va. and we went to the home of Mary Jane Hickman DuVault for supper with her family. Among other things, she had some old photos to share, one of which is a gem showing three generations of her Hickman ancestors.



Three generations of descendants of James Elliot Hickman and Elizabeth E. Hamilton, about 1905

At center right are James William Hickman (1834-1908) & Mary Ann Marley (1835-1915), both born on Back Cr. Standing second from left is their son Larry Stuart Hickman (1872-1955) and next to him is his brother Edward Grant Hickman (1874-1940). Seated at the far right is their sister Elm Susan Hickman (1877-1902), and behind her is her husband Isaac Hays (1871-1918). Elm is holding her son (1893) and Oliver O. Hays (1895-1902) their other brother. Fred O. Hays (1897-1903), wife of Edward O. Hickman. She is holding their first child, Larkins Hobbs Larkins (1897-1903). The child seated at the far left is Cary Hobbs Hickman (1903-?) son of Larry Stuart and Elm Susan. The women standing at far left is Helen Rydell and her daughter is standing between Larry and Ed.

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(In June 17 we were joined by Ed & Yano Brown (from Green Village, NJ) and we followed the DuVaults down the road to a big Hickman reunion on the farm of John Wendley. The farm near Lost Creek, W. Va. That was a wonderful experience, with dozens of the kinsmen near Lost Creek, W. Va. I had not met, lots of good food, and plenty of good talk. Perhaps there helped to identify almost everyone in the photo I had copied the night before at Mary Jane's house. Among those I met were James Clinton Hickman, his wife

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He had, for a few months past, been in part supplying the church in Salem in the absence of its pastor as chaplain in the army and had greatly endeared himself to the people during his brief ministry. We deeply sympathize with his bereaved widow and children, and lament his loss not only as a dear friend, but as a gifted and devoted minister of the Gospel.

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The voice at midnight came —
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Salem, Va. May 20th. FJ

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Rev. William F. Hickman

Among the countless victims of this cruel war, not many will be more deeply lamented than the pastor of the Presbyterian church at Bell Spring who fell in the fight with the Yankee raiders near Dublin while bravely defending his home against the invaders. Though past the military age, he had connected himself with the Home Guard of Putnam county, and had on former occasions shown himself willing to take up arms in a cause to which he was ardently devoted.

During the hottest of the fight, being near one of the guns, and seeing the soldiers who supported it shot down, he rushed forward to take their place, and almost immediately fell, mortally wounded in the body. The last words he was heard to speak were "Do your best, boys, my work is ended!" — words worthy of a patriot and Christian soldier.

No truer man, nor braver heart is left behind him. Falling into the hands of the enemy, and finding him in citizen's dress, they chose to consider and speak of him as "a bushwhacker" and it is supposed that he was brutally treated by them. He was left on the field in a dying condition for thirty-six hours without any attention

whatever, and died immediately after being removed to a neighboring house.

He had, for a few months past, been in part supplying the church in Salem in the absence of its pastor as chaplain in the army and had greatly endeared himself to the people during his brief ministry. We deeply sympathize with his bereaved widow and children, and lament his loss not only as a dear friend, but as a gifted and devoted minister of the Gospel.

"Servant of God, well done!
Rest from thy blest employ;
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy.

The voice at midnight came —
He started up to hear:
A mortal arrow pierced his frame;
He fell, but felt no fear.

Tranquil amidst alarm,
It found him on the field,
A veteran stumbling on his arm,
Beneath his red-cross shield.

Soldier of Christ, well done!
Praise be thy new employ;
And while eternal ages roll,
Rest in thy Saviour's joy!"
Salem, Va. May 20th. FJ

"Bushwhacker" was the Yankee name for Confederate guerrillas, or irregular non-uniformed troops, whose mission was to harass the Union Army behind its lines. The following is an excerpt from the memorial in the Presbyterian minutes of June 2, 1865:

BATTLE OF CLOYD'S MOUNTAIN
THE REV. MR. HICKMAN'S DEATH

"Bro. Hickman fell fighting for civil and religious liberty at Cloyd's Farm on Monday, May 9, 1864. When the sound of cannon and the tramp of the enemies' cavalry were heard approaching his humble home, threatening destruction, as well as the most cherished rights of humanity, he volunteered to join a company assigned to the duty of supporting a Brigade of Artillery; and it was while eagerly and bravely discharging this duty that he fell mortally wounded. After calling to his strapping son (who had run to his relief) to never mind him, but to fill his place in the ranks. And after that son and others nearby had been overpowered by numbers and driven from the field, he was allowed by the enemy to remain that evening and all day Tuesday without adequate attention; and it was not until Wednesday the 11th that his spirit took flight. Kind female friends were permitted to sit by him and minister to his wants during Tuesday, but were driven from the place when night came and not permitted to sit and watch with him. On Wednesday morning he was taken to a neighboring home but died a few hours afterwards. He was calm and composed while thus lying in intense suffering and had no fear of death. He was born in Bath county, February 23, 1810. His mind 1847 was he licensed in preach by Lexington Presbytery. As a preacher he was strong, clear and vigorous in thought and style."

This brief account is found in *The War in Southwest Virginia, 1861-65*, by Gary C. Walker, 1985:

"The home guard was called out of church in Christiansburg, and told to form. At the Dublin Presbyterian Church the Reverend William P. Hickman 'urged his congregation to rally to the Confederate cause.' Even though he was over age he left the pulpit to join the volunteers."

The family tree also grows with the contributions of those, like Kathryn Hickman Collins of Port Chester, N.Y., and John & Joyce Wyatt of Carey, Ohio, who send me what they have discovered about their twigs and branches of the tree. They are both descendants of James Elliott Hickman (1804-1877) who was a brother of my great-grandfather, the second Roger Hickman (1813-1889), and who was born in the house on Back Creek built by William Hickman in 1799 and torn down about 1975 when Virginia Power built the Back Creek pumped storage project.

I would like to hear from others who can tell me about their parents and grandparents. And I would particularly like to hear from folks who have old letters and photos of those people. When I travel I carry a copy machine, a computer, and a scanner so that I can make copies of the documents right in your kitchen or living room, or wherever I find them.

I was gone from home for 4 1/2 weeks and still did not get to visit with everyone. I apologize for not making it back to West Virginia again, but I just ran out of steam—and I got homesick for my Montana landscape "where the skies are not cloudy all day."

Bill Gabriel